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SUBJ is Friedrich PANZINGER former SS Col and Chief RSHA Amt IV-A in charge overall Rote Kapelle investigation. He also did other interesting things like perpetrating war crimes.

Arrested by the Sovs in Austria Oct 1946, taken to the USSR and recruited. Returned to Germany 1956 with the mission to penetrate UPSWING and to write reports on the political situation in West Germany. He was to begin his effort against UPSWING by contacting UPSWING staffer Fritz BUSCH. (NOTE: BUSCH is member Dst 24 who undoubtedly tipped to RIS by @ ALBERT.)

Immediately upon his return to Germany Subj went to his old friend RIEDMAYR of LfV Bavaria and confessed all. R. turned him over to UPSWING where is case officer is BUSCH and his desk officer FRIESEN.

Subj has S/W; the RIS uses OWVL, Microdot and courier. Thus far the courier has met Subj 8 or 9 times in Munich. Subj has met his RIS C/O ~~only once~~ *TWICE* in a Karlshorst S/H. UPSWING has a vague idea the courier might be Max KLAUSEN of the Sorge Case. This is doubtful.

The case ran in low gear until Nov 58 when FRIESEN decided to become aggressive. Subj wrote to his RIS case officer stating that BUSCH had requested Subj to act as a letter drop. Subj also told the RIS he had determined BUSCH was chief of a special Dst which is in contact with various sources who come to Germany on ships touching at various ports.

Subj received a reply to his letter in December 58. He was told not to refuse BUSCH'S request to act as a letter drop, but precise instructions were given about not tampering with or opening any mail designated for UPSWING. The KGB C/O wrote that he feared an UPSWING trap but that Subj should advise the KGB about the extent of the mail and its place or origin. Otherwise he was to continue his association with BUSCH. No mention was made about a meeting with the KGB C/O in East Brln or elsewhere.

In Jan 1959 UPSWING instructed Subj to write the KGB asking for a meeting in connection with legal action pending against him on a war crimes charge. Meeting was arranged and Subj was in East Brln ~~EXX~~ on 22-23 Feb. The KGB said that all possible assistance would be rendered at such time as his file is actually transferred to Sov authorities by the German Govt. At this meeting commo arrangements were changed, Subj was instructed in OWVL, and told that all future KGB instructions and guidance will be forwarded in this manner. No change in targets made.

Heard nothing more from UPSWING on this case until MUNI (5502) which stated the FRIESEN said Subj recd KGB instructions via OWVL to learn if HEIM had been UPSWING or CAVATA agent prior to his defection. This is a wierd one. Perhaps this is FRIESEN and not Subj talking. In view CAMEDIUM angle this worth carefully calculated response on our part.

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